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The Honorable Dean *Rusk*
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dean:

In response to your letter of 22 January designating Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell to be the Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, I have designated Mr. Richard Helms to represent the Central Intelligence Agency on the inter-departmental Coordinating Committee. Mr. Desmond Fitzgerald will serve as Mr. Helms' alternate.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. MCCONE

John A. McCone

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1963

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Dear John:

In accordance with NSAM 213, I have designated Mr. Sterling J. Cottrell, a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, to be the Coordinator of Cuban Affairs. In this capacity, Mr. Cottrell will also act as Chairman of an Interdepartmental Committee on Cuba. Mr. Robert A. Hurwitch will serve as Deputy Coordinator.

Since the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee will be composed of a member of the Department of Defense and of the Central Intelligence Agency in addition to Mr. Cottrell, I would appreciate your designating the most appropriate officer in your Agency to serve on the Committee to assist Mr. Cottrell in insuring coordinated policy recommendations as well as coordinated operational activities with respect to Cuba.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Dean Rusk

The Honorable
John A. McCone,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.